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"Ken laughed off my flattering remarks
but I knew I could have any man
I wanted..."

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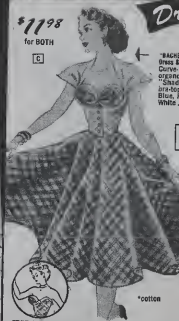
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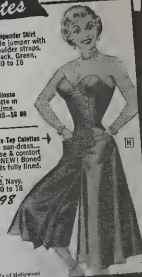
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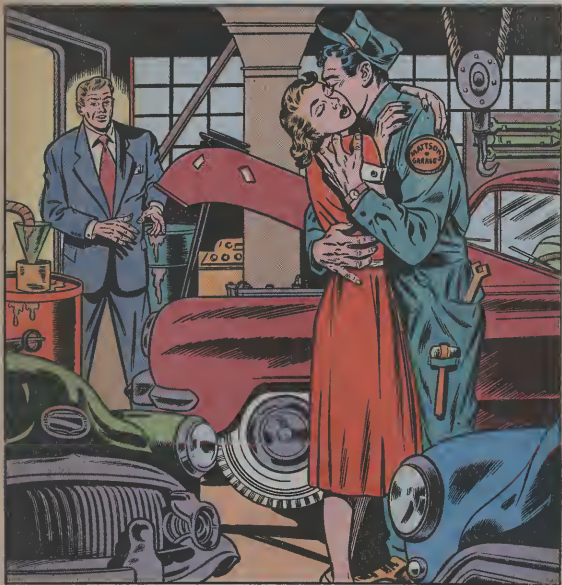
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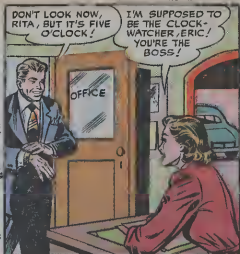
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Why did I ignore the man whose love for me was sincere, only to throw myself into the arms of a swaggering bully who could offer me nothing but disgrace and misery? I've asked myself that question a thousand times! Yet, when Nicky Harris possessed my lips with his, I was powerless to resist, even when my heart told me...

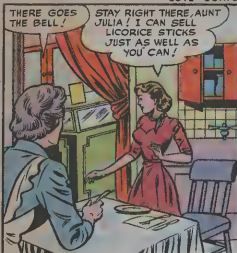
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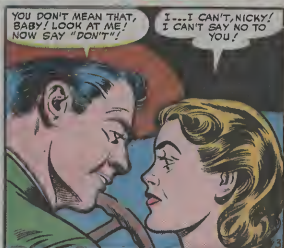
I might have been spared all the heart-aches if I had returned Eric Mattson's devotion! I was general office girl in Eric's garage and auto sales agency, but he had other plans for me!



What did I see in Nicky, who spent most of his time loafing around my aunt's candy store? You would have had to experience the strange thrill that coursed through me, when his eyes met mine to understand that!



He seemed to be amusing himself, knowing that just his presence made me nervous and tongue-tied! And then...



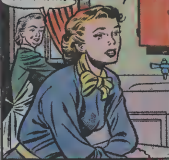
There was fire in Nicky's hiss... a fire that threatened to consume me!



And after that ...

I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU, RITA! SO MANY NICE BOYS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, AND MR. MATTSOON ALL BUT BEGGING YOU TO MARRY HIM!

DON'T, AUNT JULIA! DON'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT NICKY!



BUT YOU'VE BEEN GOING OUT WITH HIM EVERY NIGHT! HE ISN'T EVEN THE SORT YOU COULD INTRODUCE TO YOUR FRIENDS!

I DON'T WANT TO SHARE NICKY WITH ANYONE! THE ONLY TIME THAT MATTERS IS WHEN I'M WITH HIM... ALONE!



And, oh, how Nicky's hypnotic fascination blinded me to his faults!



JOE RAYBURN'S AT THE TIFFANY! HOW YOU FIXED FOR DOUGH, BABY?

WELL, I... GOT PAID TODAY!



WHATTA YA SAY I FLOAT A LOAN AND WE GO DANCIN' HUH? THIS WAITIN' AROUND IS GIVIN' ME THE CREEPS!



WHY, SURE, NICKY!



THAT'S WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU, SUGAR! THAT WAS A GREAT OPENING FER YOU TO ASK ME WHY I DON'T LOOK FER A JOB!

I WOULDN'T TELL YOU THAT NICKY! I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN TRYING!



YEAH, BUT MY OLE MAN IS STARTIN' TO BLOW HIS TOP! SAY, THAT BIRD YOU WORK FOR WOULDN'T NEED A HIGH CLASS GREASE MONKEY, WOULD HE?

ERIC? I COULD TALK TO HIM! OH, NICKY, I'D LOVE TO SEE YOU WORKING WHERE I DO!



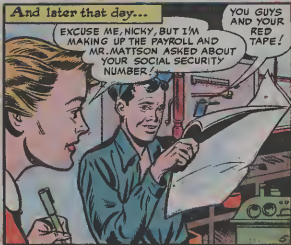
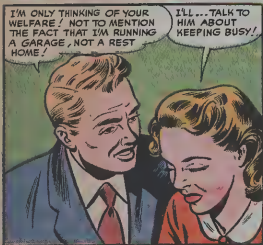
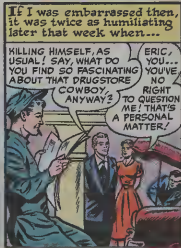
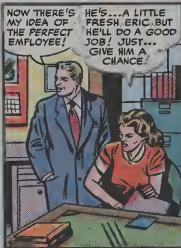
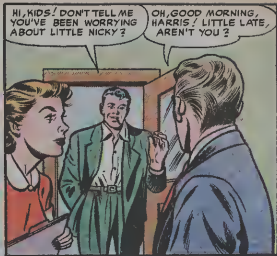
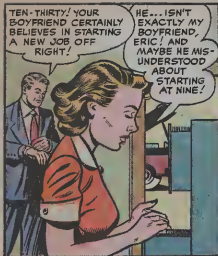
I was thrilled about the idea...but for more than one reason!

ALL NICKY NEEDS IS A STEADY JOB... AND HE'LL CHANGE! HE MIGHT EVEN THINK OF GETTING MARRIED!



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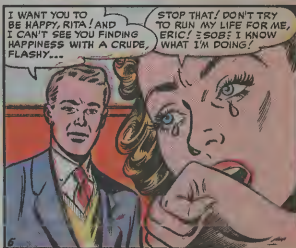
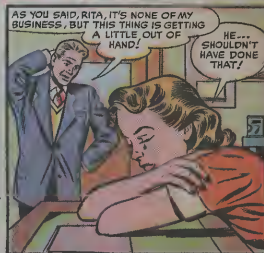
It was easy to talk Eric into hiring Nicky. But the morning he was to start working at the garage!



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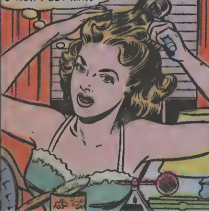


Nicky laughed as I hurried back to the office, and I felt my face burning with shame as I realized that Eric had been watching!



Oh, I knew what I was doing all right? But I couldn't erase Eric from my thoughts that night... And perhaps I resented him because deep in my heart I knew he had been right!

I WISH I COULD BE PROUDER OF NICKY... BUT EVEN ERIC CAN'T MAKE ME STOP LOVING HIM! I WON'T LET HIM!



Then, the next morning...

YOU HEARD ME! GET OUT AND STAY OUT!

OKAY. OKAY... I WAS JUST LEAVIN'!



WHAT'S WRONG? WHERE ARE YOU GOING, NICKY?

SO THE GUY GIVES ME THE SACK! SO WHAT?

SOME JOB YOU FIXED ME UP WITH, KID!

ERIC... YOU... YOU FIRED HIM!



YOU BET I DID! I'M SORRY I DIDN'T DO IT EARLIER!

AND ALL BECAUSE YOU'RE JEALOUS! BECAUSE IT HURT YOUR PRIDE TO BE TURNED DOWN! BECAUSE YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT HIM!



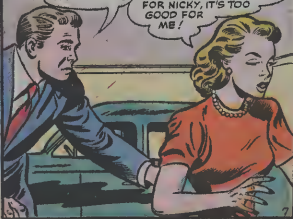
THAT'S NOT TRUE, RITA! I...

WELL, IF THAT ISN'T A CONTEMPTIBLE TRICK! I'VE WORKED FOR YOU TOO LONG, ERIC!



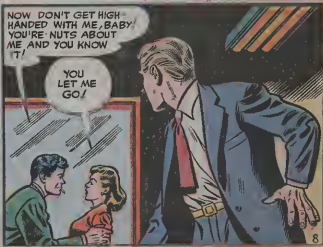
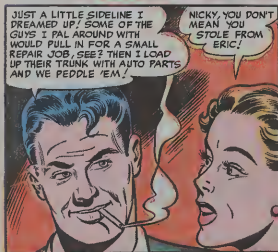
RITA, WAIT! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!

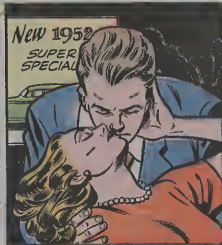
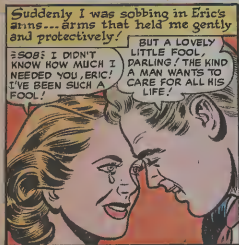
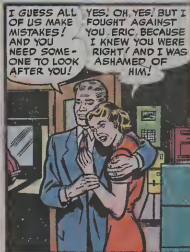
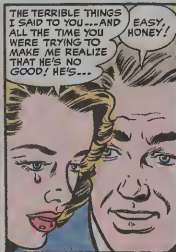
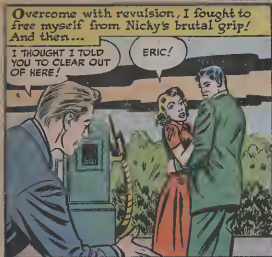
I'VE SEEN ENOUGH! IF THIS PLACE IS TOO GOOD FOR NICKY, IT'S TOO GOOD FOR ME!



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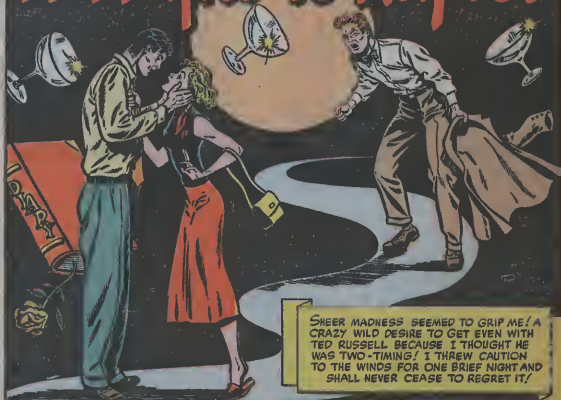
Confused, but determined to stand by Nicky, I ran out of the office! And I found Nicky outside, confidently waiting for me!





And when Eric kissed me, I knew that I had found the love I had been seeking... a love so strong and yet as tender as the arms that pressed me close to him!

A Night To Regret



SHEER MADNESS SEEMED TO GRIP ME! A CRAZY WILD DESIRE TO GET EVEN WITH TED RUSSELL BECAUSE I THOUGHT HE WAS TWO-TIMING! I THREW CAUTION TO THE WINDS FOR ONE BRIEF NIGHT AND SHALL NEVER CEASE TO REGRET IT!

TED
AND I
WERE
ENGAGED,
PLANNING
OUR
FUTURE
AND
DESPERATE-
LY IN
LOVE!
I NEVER
DOUBTED
HIM
THOUGH
SOME-
TIMES
I'D
GET
DIS-
GRUNTLED!

LOIS, HONEY, I CAN'T
SEE YOU TONIGHT! I
HAVE TO SHOW A
HOUSE AND...

NOT AGAIN! TED,
THIS IS THE THIRD
NIGHT IN A ROW!



I'M SORRY, SWEETHEART!
BUT IT'S FOR US! THESE
SALES MEAN THAT WE CAN
BE MARRIED SOONER!

YES, OF COURSE!
IT'S ALL RIGHT,
DARLING!



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ONLY I HOPE OUR MARRIED LIFE WON'T BE LIKE THIS! I KATE SITTING AT HOME BY MYSELF.

I HAD MY LITTLE PEEVES BUT I SOON GOT OVER THEM! HOW COULD I HELP IT WHEN I WAS IN TED'S ARMS?



GEE YOU'RE PRETTY, LOIS! AND I WANT TO GIVE YOU NICE THINGS! THAT'S WHY I'M WORKING SO HARD! I'LL DO IT TOO!

I KNOW YOU WILL!



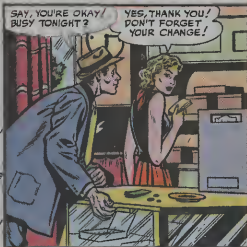
BECAUSE I LOVE YOU MORE THAN ANYTHING IN THE WORLD!



AND THE SOONER LOIS PRICE BECOMES MRS. TED RUSSELL THE HAPPIER I'LL BE!

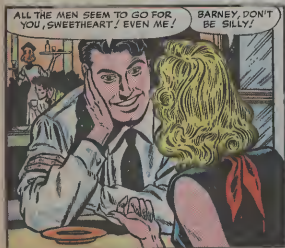
I HOPE IT WON'T BE TOO LONG!

I WORKED AS A CASHIER IN A RESTAURANT! IT WASN'T A VERY GOOD JOB, BUT AFTER ALL, I WASN'T CAREER MINDED! IT WAS SOMETHING TO DO UNTIL TED AND I WERE MARRIED!



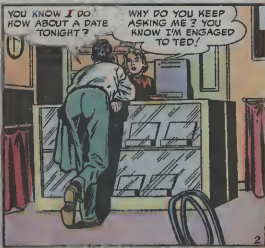
SAY, YOU'RE OKAY! BUSY TONIGHT?

YES, THANK YOU! DON'T FORGET YOUR CHANGE!



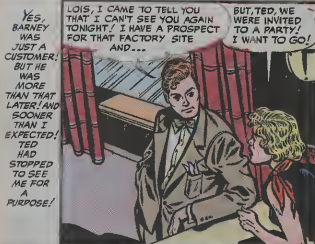
ALL THE MEN SEEM TO GO FOR YOU, SWEETHEART! EVEN ME!

BARNEY, DON'T BE SILLY!



YOU KNOW I DO! HOW ABOUT A DATE TONIGHT?

WHY DO YOU KEEP ASKING ME? YOU KNOW I'M ENGAGED TO TED!



I
DIDN'T
HEAR FROM
TED THE
NEXT DAY..
OR THE
NEXT!
EXCEPT
INDIRECTLY!
WE LIVE
IN A
SMALL
CITY WHERE
NEWS
GETS
AROUND!
BARNEY
DODD
WAS THE
ONE WHO
BROKE
THE
NEWS!

YOU'RE SURE YOU STILL
WANT TO STICK TO THIS
GUY TED, HUH?

OF COURSE I DO!
WHY?



BECAUSE I'VE SEEN HIM A
COUPLE OF TIMES WITH A
VERY DESIRABLE DAME / THOUGHT
MAYBE HE'D GIVEN YOU THE
GO-BY, BEAUTIFUL!

HE HASN'T
AT ALL!



IF HE DOES, YOU STILL HAVE
ME! DON'T FORGET!

THANKS!

THE
SLOW
CAME
THAT
DAY
WHEN
I WAS
COMING
HOME
FROM
WORK!
I WAS
GLAD
THAT
TED
DIDN'T
SEE
ME!



HE'S WITH THAT WOMAN AGAIN!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT HE'S TWO-
TIMING! STILL...



AND TOWARD EVENING...

HONEY, I'M
SORRY YOU
HAVEN'T
HEARD FROM
ME! BUT
THIS
SALE...

IT TAKES ALL YOUR
TIME DOESN'T IT,
TED? WELL, DON'T
WORRY ABOUT
ME! JUST ENJOY
YOURSELF! AND I'LL
DO THE SAME!

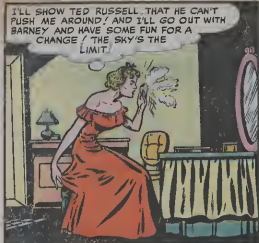


LIES! IF HE THINKS I'LL
FALL FOR THAT LINE,
HE'S CRAZY!

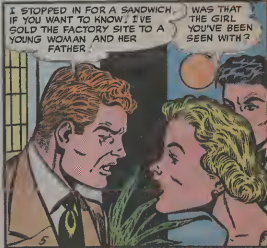
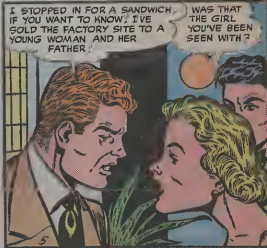
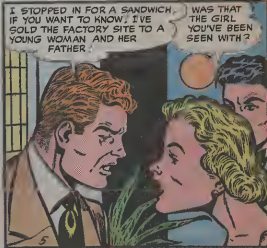
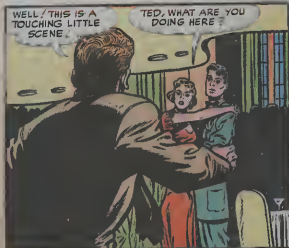


BARNEY THIS IS LOIS. I'LL
TAKE YOU UP ON THAT DATE.
IF YOU'RE FREE, I'LL BE
READY IN FIFTEEN
MINUTES!

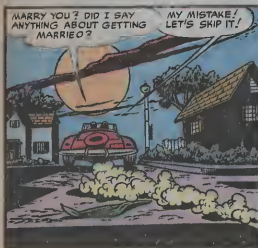




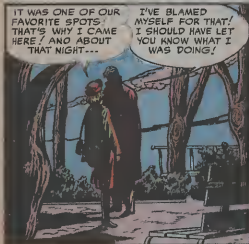
I WAS MAD, READY FOR REVENGE! AND TRYING HARD TO HIDE THE HURT INSIDE ME! BARNEY MADE EVERY EFFORT TO HELP ME FORGET! AND HE SUCCEEDED!



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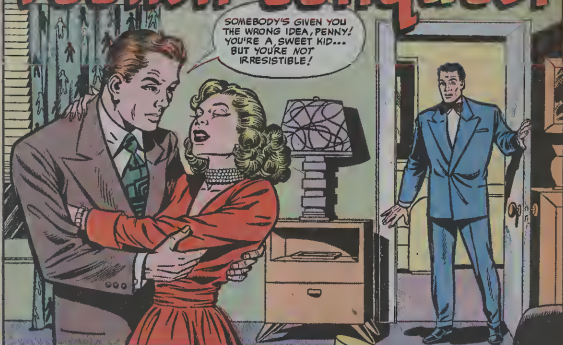


I QUIT MY JOB NEXT DAY AND I DIDN'T SEE BARNEY AGAIN! I DIDN'T WANT TO. I DIDN'T SEE TEO EITHER UNTIL ONE NIGHT, MONTHS LATER!



TED AND I ARE HAPPILY MARRIED NOW! AND NOTHING HAS EVER COME BETWEEN US TO CAUSE UNHAPPINESS! THERE WAS JUST THAT ONE NIGHT... THE NIGHT THAT I SHALL ALWAYS REGRET!

Foolish Conquest



Perhaps I TOOK PEOPLE TOO SERIOUSLY WHEN I HEARD THEM SAYING, "PENNY RAYNOR'S THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL IN TOWN! SHE CAN HAVE ANY MAN SHE WANTS!" FOR IT WAS VANITY, AND AN INSATIABLE HUNGER FOR CONQUEST, THAT WAS TO BLAME FOR THE HEARTACHE AND HUMILIATION THAT FOLLOWED!

EVEN MY ENGAGEMENT TO FRED DE LANDERS DIDN'T END MY SELFISH DESIRES!

I ADORE YOU, PENNY! IT'S ALMOST LIKE A DREAM, KNOWING YOU'RE GOING TO MARRY ME!

YOU'RE TOO MODEST, FRED! EVERYONE SAYS I'M A LUCKY GIRL!



MAYBE WE'RE BOTH LUCKY, DARLING! WE WERE MEANT FOR EACH OTHER!

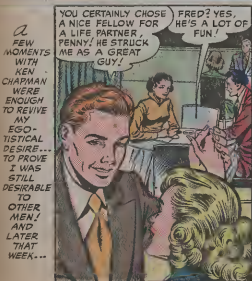
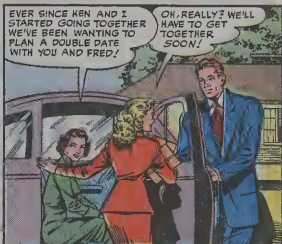
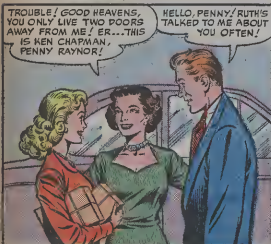
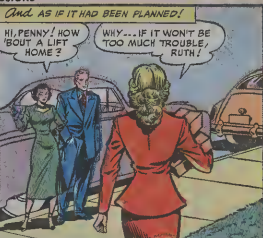
I...SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT, FRED!



WHY IS IT THAT FRED'S KISSES DON'T THRILL ME ANYMORE! I WANTED HIS LOVE SO DESPERATELY! AND NOW THAT I'M SURE OF HIM, I'VE LOST INTEREST!



*Bored
with
Fred's
solid, un-
wavering
devotion,
I began
to wish
I were
free
again...
free
to play
the un-
predict-
able
game
of
love!*

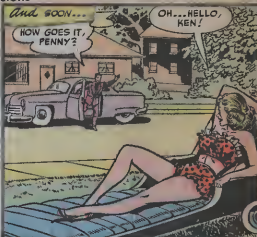


*A
few
moments
with
Ken
Chapman
were
enough
to revive
my ego-
tistical
desire...
to prove
I was
still
desirable
to
other
men!
and
later
that
week...*

KEN
LAUGHED
OFF MY
FLATTERING
REMARKS,
BUT I
KNEW
HE WAS
A TYPICAL
MALE...
AND I
WAS WISE
TO ALL
THE
TRICKS!
BUT THAT
WAS ONLY
THE
BEGINNING
OF MY
CAMPAIGN!



RUTH'S GOT A DATE
WITH KEN THIS AFTER-
NOON! HE'LL HAVE TO
NOTICE ME WHEN
HE COMES TO PICK
HER UP!

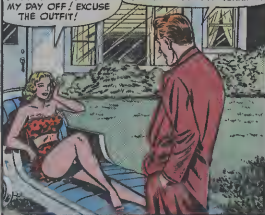


And soon...
HOW DOES IT,
PENNY?

OH...HELLO,
KEN!

I'M JUST TRYING TO
GET A LITTLE SUN ON
MY DAY OFF! EXCUSE
THE OUTFIT!

ON THE CONTRARY! I'D SAY
YOU LOOK PRETTY TERRIFIC!



ER...RUTH WILL THINK I GOT
LOST! I'LL SEE YOU LATER,
PENNY!

YOU BET YOU'LL
SEE ME LATER,
KEN!



I WENT FAR OUT OF MY WAY
TO ATTRACT KEN'S ATTENTION!

I CAN'T STAY,
RUTH! I JUST
DROPPED IN TO
RETURN YOUR
BOOK!

DON'T RUSH
OFF PENNY!
WE WEREN'T
PLANNING
ANYTHING
SPECIAL



And later...

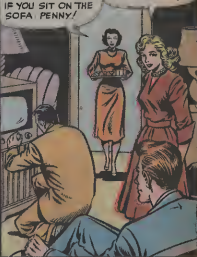
OH, I...I'M
SORRY, KEN! MY
ANKLE TURNED
AND...

WHY BE
SORRY? IT
ISN'T EVERY
DAY I GET TO
RESCUE A
LOVELY LADY!

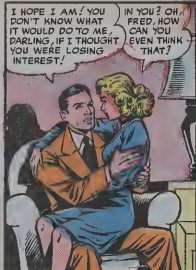
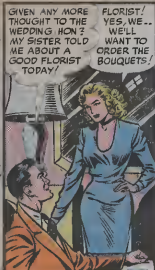


YOU'LL SEE THE
SCREEN BETTER
IF YOU SIT ON THE
SOFA, PENNY!

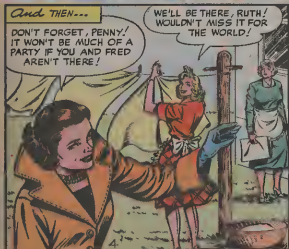
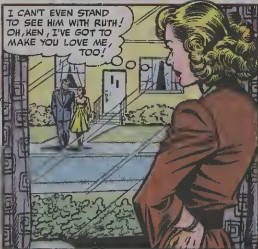
YOU DON'T MIND,
DO YOU KEN?



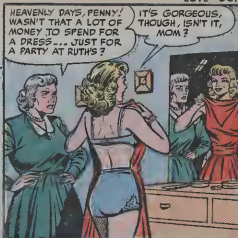
YET IT STARTED OUT AS A GAME OF IDLE CONQUEST! BUT BEFORE LONG, IT WAS MY HEART AND NOT JUST MY VANITY THAT CRIED OUT FOR KEN!



Each DAY THE TRUTH BECAME MORE PITFULLY APPARENT! MY PLAN HAD BACK-FIRED... AND I HAD FALLEN IN LOVE!



Ruth's party became an important project with me! I was determined to make that night count!

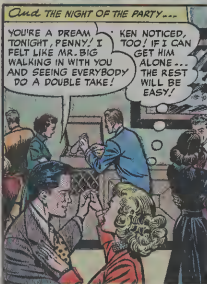


HEAVENLY DAYS, PENNY! WASN'T THAT A LOT OF MONEY TO SPEND FOR A DRESS... JUST FOR A PARTY AT RUTH'S?

IT'S GORGEOUS, THOUGH, ISN'T IT, MOM?



MOM WOULD HAVE A FIT IF SHE KNEW WHAT I SPENT FOR THIS PERFUME AND MY NEW HAIRDO! BUT IT'S GOING TO BE WORTH IT!



And THE NIGHT OF THE PARTY...

YOU'RE A DREAM TONIGHT, PENNY! I FELT LIKE MR. BIG WALKING IN WITH YOU AND SEEING EVERYBODY DO A DOUBLE TAKE!

KEN NOTICED, TOO! IF I CAN GET HIM ALONE... THE REST WILL BE EASY!



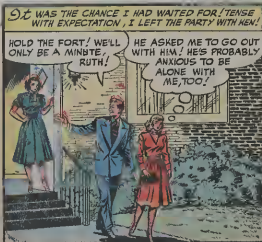
FRED, YOU'RE THE MECHANICAL GENIUS! SEE IF YOU CAN ADJUST THAT DOGGONED RECORD PLAYER!

AT YOUR SERVICE, LADY!



MEANWHILE, HON, COULD YOU DRIVE UP TO SAUNDERS' AND PICK UP SOME MORE GINGER ALE? I NEVER REALIZED WE WERE ENTERTAINING FISH!

SURE, SWEET! C'MON ALONG, PENNY... KEEP ME COMPANY WHILE FRED TINKERS WITH THE JUKE BOX!

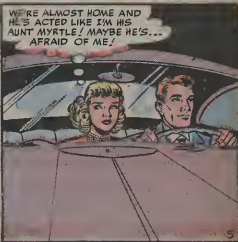


It WAS THE CHANCE I HAD WAITED FOR! TENSE WITH EXPECTATION, I LEFT THE PARTY WITH KEN!

HOLD THE FORT! WE'LL ONLY BE A MINUTE, RUTH!

HE ASKED ME TO GO OUT WITH HIM! HE'S PROBABLY ANXIOUS TO BE ALONE WITH ME, TOO!

But ON OUR WAY TO THE STORE, KEN'S CONVERSATION WAS STRICTLY IMPERSONAL! AND ON OUR WAY BACK...



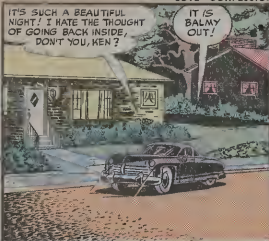
WE'RE ALMOST HOME AND HE'S ACTED LIKE I'M HIS AUNT MYRTLE! MAYBE HE'S... AFRAID OF ME!

LOVE CONFESSIONS

DESPERATE TO MAKE THE MOST OF MY OPPORTUNITY AND CONVINCED THAT ALL KEN NEEDED WAS A LITTLE ENCOURAGEMENT, I TURNED TO HIM AS HE STOPPED IN FRONT OF RUTH'S HOUSE!

IT'S SUCH A BEAUTIFUL NIGHT! I HATE THE THOUGHT OF GOING BACK INSIDE, DON'T YOU, KEN?

IT IS BALMY OUT!



BUT RUTH IS PROBABLY SCREAMING FOR THAT GINGER ALE AND...

YOU DON'T WANT TO GO BACK, KEN! NOT JUST YET!



WHY...

NOT JUST YET, KEN!

SUDDENLY KEN'S ARMS WERE AROUND ME AND I THRILLED TO A KISS THAT WAS EXPERT... AND ALMOST BUSINESS-LIKE!

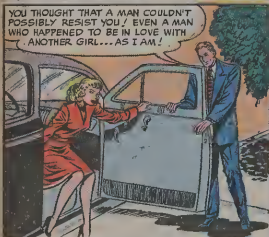


OKAY, PENNY! YOU GOT YOUR WAY, NOW LET'S GET BACK TO THE PARTY!

BUT... KEN! I... I THOUGHT...

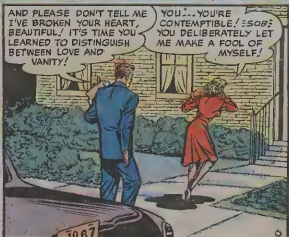


YOU THOUGHT THAT A MAN COULDN'T POSSIBLY RESIST YOU! EVEN A MAN WHO HAPPENED TO BE IN LOVE WITH ANOTHER GIRL... AS I AM!

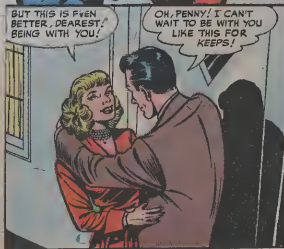


AND PLEASE DON'T TELL ME I'VE BROKEN YOUR HEART, BEAUTIFUL! IT'S TIME YOU LEARNED TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN LOVE AND VANITY!

YOU... YOU'RE CONTEMPTIBLE! SOB! YOU DELIBERATELY LET ME MAKE A FOOL OF MYSELF!



LOVE CONFESSIONS



And ALL AT ONCE, I KNEW THE WONDERFUL SECURITY OF A TRUE AND LASTING LOVE! THERE WOULD BE NO MORE FLIRTATIONS FOR ME, FOR EVERYTHING MY HEART DESIRED WAS RIGHT THERE... IN FRED'S ARMS!

Her Old Flame

"Of course, Jim, I'd love to meet your brother-in-law. Sounds like fun. G'bye now!" Faith Castle slammed the telephone receiver back into its cradle. She looked furious, and when she stood up, she discovered that her knees were weak and she was shaking with anger. "Of all the gold-plated gall," she fumed to the empty apartment. "Six months ago, Jim Calvo jilted me, practically at the altar, and now he's calling up to ask me to date his hick brother-in-law. Well, this may be my chance to get back at Jim and that sweet-faced simpleton he married."

Faith had been engaged to Jim Calvo when his firm transferred him to a temporary job on the coast. His letters had been fine at first and had then begun to taper off. Faith hadn't thought too much about it because she knew Jim was busy, but when she flew to the coast to surprise him, the surprise had been on her. She discovered that Jim had become engaged to Marcia Payton, without telling anyone that he had a fiancée at home. Faith was too stunned to do anything but retire from the scene as quickly as possible.

Now Jim had returned to his home town with his bride and they were beautifully set up in an expensive home. "The bride must have come equipped with a large dowry," Faith mused bitterly. And as for Jim, Faith hadn't even tried to analyze her feelings about him, other than that she hated him for humiliating her and she was determined to strike back. Her date with Frank Payton might give her the opening wedge she had hoped for.

Her first shock came when Jim and Frank came to call for her and escort her back to the house for dinner. Jim stood before her as she opened the door. She was caught off guard, he looked so handsome, so appealing, so much as she remembered him. Fortunately her thoughts were interrupted as Frank came along the hall. "What's the rush, Jim?" he laughed, and turned to Faith. "The old boy closed the elevator on me and I had to climb three flights. But now that I see you, Miss Castle, I might add, it was well worth it."

Frank Payton's good-natured comments, together with his rugged good looks, attracted Faith and the entire evening had an element of excitement about it. When she was able to avoid Jim's eyes, Faith found herself having a good time. Marcia Calvo was obviously antagonistic the moment she met Faith and before the evening was half over, she retired to the upstairs with a "sick" headache.

When it was time to leave, Frank left the room to locate the keys to his car. And Jim helped Faith into her coat, his hands remaining on her shoulders. She didn't move. "Faith," he whispered, "you're as beautiful as ever." The next moment she was in his arms, his savage kiss left her trembling and a little afraid. They broke a moment later when they heard Frank

approaching. Jim seemed unflustered as he ushered them out the door. He yawned effectively and said, "See you two in the morning for tennis. Marcia should be okay for a fast set of doubles by then."

Driving home, Faith leaned back against the seat of Frank's long, red convertible. The wind whipped past and seemed to cleanse her mind of the vengeful thoughts that lay there. Jim was in her mind and Frank's words startled her out of her reverie. "Today Jim told us that you two had been engaged. This is the first Marcia and I knew of it, Faith." "But you should have known. I went to see him out on the coast," she stammered in reply. "Yes," continued Frank, "but Jim explained you away as an old friend from home. And from what I hear, you left in such a hurry that no one had reason to doubt his story. I hope you'll forgive Marcia's behavior tonight, but she was pretty stunned. I'm sure you'll find her much more sociable tomorrow." As Frank talked, Faith learned about the wedding, and how devoted Marcia was to Jim. But running through Frank's conversation was an undercurrent that struck Faith oddly. She was sure that Frank didn't like his brother-in-law, even though he hadn't put his dislike into words.

Finally Faith spoke up, "You don't like Jim, do you?" she queried. Frank paused a moment and then pulled the car to the side of the road. He turned to her seriously, "No, I don't like him. And I like him even less after seeing you in his arms tonight." Faith started to gasp a surprised denial, but Frank interrupted her. "Oh, don't let it bother you, Faith. I'm used to seeing girls in Jim's arms. I thought I disliked him because of the way he's treated Marcia, but now that I see you're still interested in him, I'd like to take a poke at the guy."

"But I can't believe all this," said Faith indignantly. "After all, Jim's an old flame, that might have had something to do with his kissing me tonight." "Look out you don't get burned," snapped Frank. But then, apologizing, he said, "I'm sorry to blast out like that, Faith. But I guess part of it can be attributed to jealousy. I think I fell in love with you the moment I saw you." He leaned forward and kissed her, his arms holding her close. Faith started to pull away, and then hesitated, his kiss held all the real love and tenderness she had never really known.

When they parted, Faith said, "It's been a lovely evening, Frank. I'm looking forward to seeing you again tomorrow." He bent to kiss her again, "Look forward to seeing a lot of me Faith, because I want to be the only man in your life—for always."

That night, Faith gave up her plan for revenge in favor of a more tender passion. And today, a few months later, she's Mrs. Frank Payton, and forever grateful that she found her true love before an old flame could re-enter her life.

My HEART was in the RING

HE HASN'T GOT A CHANCE IN THAT FIGHT I'VE BOOKED! MARTY'S A WASHOUT!

TOO BAD YOU SIGNED HIM UP!



HIS FIGHTING CAREER SHATTERED WHEN HIS LEGS GAVE OUT, MY BROTHER JIM CUT HIMSELF OFF FROM THE BOXING WORLD HE LOVED AND WARNED ME... "I'LL NEVER LET YOU MARRY A FIGHTER, NANCY! THE RING CAN NEVER MEAN ANYTHING BUT HEARTBREAK!" AND THEN I FELL IN LOVE WITH MARTY JOYCE AND LEARNED THE WISDOM OF THOSE BITTER WORDS!

JIM SPOKE OF HIS SHORT-LIVED BOXING CAREER ONLY RARELY!

WORKING AT A DRILL PRESS ISN'T AS GLAMOROUS AS FIGHTING, BUT IT'S A LIVING, RIGHT, NANCY?

BUT YOU AREN'T HAPPY, JIM! I WORRY ABOUT YOU!



LET ME WORRY ABOUT YOU, SIS! YOU RUN THE HOUSE AND I'LL BRING HOME THE BACON!

SOMETIMES I THINK YOU'VE LOST INTEREST IN LIFE!

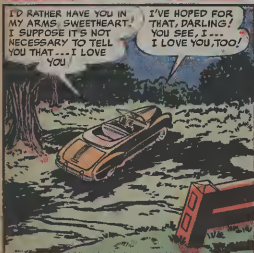
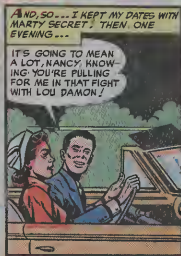
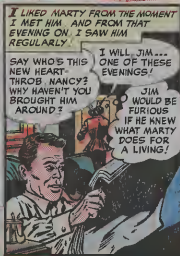
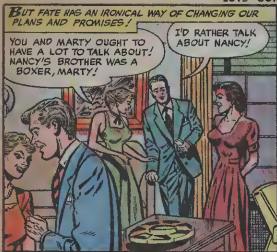


MAYBE I DID... BUT THAT'S WHAT THE FIGHT GAME DOES TO FAILURES! DON'T EVER WASTE YOUR TIME ON A BOXER, NANCY! IF YOU'RE GOING TO FALL IN LOVE, FALL FOR A BOOKKEEPER OR A STORE CLERK!

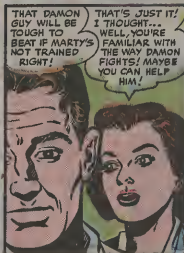
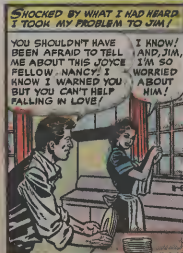
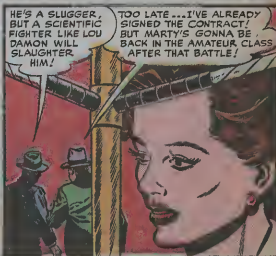
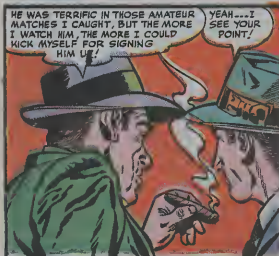
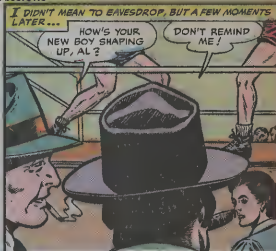
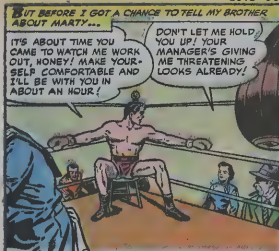
LOVE IS SOMETHING I HAVEN'T HAD TO WORRY ABOUT, JIM! NOT YET!



LOVE CONFESSIONS



LOVE CONFESSIONS



SOME OF JIM'S ENTHUSIASM SEEMED TO RETURN AS WE WAITED FOR MARTY THAT EVENING...

MY CAREER MIGHT HAVE BEEN SHORT, BUT I NEVER LOST A FIGHT! AND IF MARTY'S GOT SPEED AND STAMINA, I KNOW I CAN GIVE HIM SOME GOOD TIPS!

HE'LL BE GRATEFUL, JIM! I KNOW HE WILL!



BUT LATER...

---AND THEN THERE WAS THE MATCH WITH KID ROSCOE! HE HAD A POWERFUL RIGHT, BUT HE MADE THE SAME MISTAKE LOU DAMON MAKES!

R...IT'S GETTING LATE AND AL'S FUSSY ABOUT ME GETTING TO BED EARLY!



WE'LL TALK ABOUT YOUR FIGHTS AGAIN JIM... SOME OTHER NIGHT!

BUT, MARTY...

HE'S RIGHT, NANCY! WE'LL GET TOGETHER SOME OTHER NIGHT! REST IS PLENTY IMPORTANT TO ANY ATHLETE!

BUT DON'T FORGET, MARTY... JIM'S WILLING TO COACH YOU IF IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH YOUR MANAGER!

WELL, I...I ALREADY HAVE A GOOD TRAINER! BUT THANKS ANYWAY, JIM! GOOD NIGHT!

LOTS OF LUCK, BOY!



I'M SORRY, JIM! HE WAS...TERRIBLY INCONSIDERATE!

DON'T BLAME HIM, NANCY! HE'S A YOUNG KID ON HIS WAY UP!

WHY SHOULD HE TAKE ADVICE FROM A BROKEN-DOWN PUG WHO WORKS IN A FACTORY?

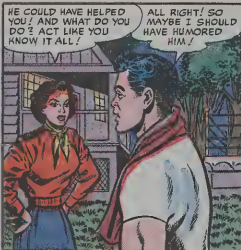
I WON'T FORGIVE MARTY FOR THIS! JIM LOOKS LIKE A BEATEN OLD MAN... AND HE'S TO BLAME!



THE EVENING HAD BEEN A DISMAL FAILURE, WITH MARTY OBVIOUSLY BORED! AND AFTER HE LEFT, I COULDN'T HELP NOTICING THE BITTER EXPRESSION ON JIM'S FACE!

LOVE CONFESSIONS

I WAS STILL SEETHING WITH ANGER WHEN I DROVE OUT TO AL GRAW'S TRAINING CAMP WITH MARTY THE NEXT NIGHT!



HE COULD HAVE HELPED YOU! AND WHAT DO YOU DO? ACT LIKE YOU KNOW IT ALL!

ALL RIGHT! SO MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE HUMORED HIM!

HUMORED HIM? WHY, JIM WAS ON HIS WAY TO THE BIG TIME WHEN HE DEVELOPED THAT MUSCULAR CONDITION!

SURE... SURE! LOOK, HONEY, THE WOODS ARE FULL OF CHAMPIONS LIKE HIM!



LOOK, IF I TOOK ADVICE FROM EVERY HAS-BEEN IN THE GAME I'D GO CRAZY!

YOU CAN'T TALK THAT WAY ABOUT MY BROTHER!



WELL, IT'S TRUE! HE FIGHTS A COUPLE OF MATCHES AND THEN SPENDS THE REST OF HIS LIFE TALKING ABOUT IT! HE'S A GREAT GUY BUT...

WHY, YOU CONCEITED, SHORT-SIGHTED FOOL!



YOUR OWN MANAGER DOESN'T GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO WIN THAT FIGHT WITH LOU DAMON. AND YOU'RE TOO STUBBORN TO TAKE A FEW TIPS!

NOT FROM YOUR BROTHER, NO!



THEN DON'T EXPECT ME TO BE THERE CHEERING FOR YOU. YOU'LL BE THE HAS-BEEN AFTER THAT FIGHT!

OH, I WILL? IT'S NICE TO KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT ME!



YOU'RE NOT ON MY SIDE... YOU'RE TOO BUSY BABYING YOUR BROTHER!

YOU... YOU'RE IMPOSSIBLE! SOBE! I'M SORRY I EVER MET YOU!



LOVE CONFESSIONS

I LEFT MARTY WITH A TURMOIL OF CONFUSED EMOTIONS FIGHTING INSIDE ME! AND WHEN THE ANGER FADED AWAY!

SOB: OH, MARTY, WHY CAN'T YOU SEE WHAT YOU'RE DOING TO YOURSELF? SOB: I WANTED TO HELP YOU, DARLING, AND NOW I'VE LOST YOU!



NANCY? HEY, NOW... WHAT'S WRONG, SIS?

NOTHING'S WRONG JIM! SOB: REALLY... IT'S NOTHING AT ALL!



ALL THROUGH THE WEEK THAT FOLLOWED, I HID THE SECRET IN MY ANGUISHED HEART FROM JIM! BUT ONE DAY...

DON'T TRY TO FOOL ME, NANCY! YOU HAVEN'T SEEN MARTY JOYCE ALL WEEK! THAT'S WHAT'S WRONG, ISN'T IT?

OH, JIM...!



IS IT SOMETHING HE SAID ABOUT ME? BECAUSE I'M NOT WORTH ALL THIS MISERY, SIS!

YOU ARE JIM! YOU COULD HAVE FOUGHT RINGS AROUND HIM, BUT HE WOULDN'T LISTEN... AND NOW... IT'S TOO LATE TO HELP HIM!



IT'S NOT TOO LATE! NOT IF YOU LOVE HIM, NANCY! NOT IF YOU'RE WILLING TO FIGHT TO KEEP HIM!

HE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT ME! IT'S ALL OVER, JIM!



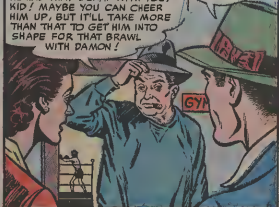
I'M NOT GOING TO HAVE YOU KIDS BREAKING UP BECAUSE I'M A SAP WHO LIVES IN THE PAST! WE'RE GOING DOWN TO THE GYM AND SET HIM STRAIGHT!

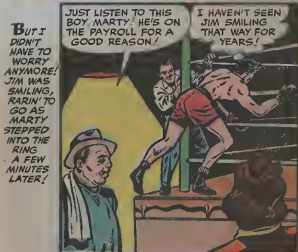
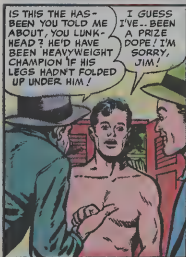
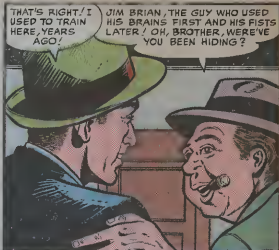
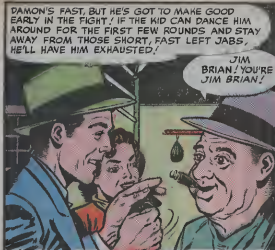


AND SOON...

MARTY'S BEEN A WRECK SINCE HE HAD THAT SCRAP WITH YOU, KID! MAYBE YOU CAN CHEER HIM UP, BUT IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN THAT TO GET HIM INTO SHAPE FOR THAT BRAWL WITH DAMON!

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